



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

1
2 TO: The Commission
3
4 FROM: Lisa J. Stevenson
5 Acting General Counsel
6
7 Kathleen M. Guith
8 Associate General Counsel for Enforcement
9
10 Stephen Gura
11 Deputy Associate General Counsel for Enforcement
12
13 BY: Lynn Tran *LNT*
14 Assistant General Counsel
15
16 Roy Q. Lockett *RQL*
17 Attorney
18
19 SUBJECT: MUR 7200 (Joni for Iowa) Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation and Case Closing
20 Memorandum
21

22
23 On November 15, 2016, the Commission found reason to believe that Joni for Iowa and
24 Cabell Hobbs in his official capacity as treasurer ("Committee" or "Respondent") violated
25 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b)(8), 30116(f), and 30118 by failing to accurately disclose debts and by
26 knowingly accepting and failing to refund excessive and prohibited contributions.¹ The
27 Commission also authorized pre-probable cause conciliation with the Respondent and approved
28 a conciliation agreement.² We are attaching a negotiated conciliation agreement that has been
29 signed by counsel of the Respondent.³ We recommend that the Commission accept the
30 negotiated agreement and close the file in this matter.
31
32
33

¹ See Amended Certification, MUR 7200 (Joni for Iowa) (Nov. 21, 2016).

² *Id.*

³ Attach. 1 (Joni Agreement).

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18

19
20
21
22 We believe this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this matter.
23 We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the signed conciliation agreement with
24 Joni for Iowa and Cabell Hobbs in his official capacity as treasurer, and close the file.
25

26 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 27 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Joni for Iowa and Cabell Hobbs in
28 his official capacity as treasurer;
29
30 2. Approve the appropriate letter; and
31
32 3. Close the file.

